

◆ PIER TALK ◆

837th U.S. Army Transportation Battalion (Terminal)

4th Qtr, FY 2004

Commander's Corner

LTC Richard J. Kramer
Battalion Commander

It is an absolute pleasure to have such a talented team of Officers, NCOs, DACs, Korean Nationals and KATUSAs within the Kargo King Battalion. Each day I am amazed at all you accomplish, quietly and professionally. The greatest indicator is when I am in meetings in Seoul and people I meet will tell me what a great job the battalion is doing in Busan. All I can do is smile and nod my head, and be proud that your outstanding efforts are realized outside of Pier 8 and the SDDC Community.

Though it went by so quickly, a brief review of some of the highlights of missions from 4th QTR 04: 2/2ID BCT Deployment to SWA, Turbo Cads 04, III MEF Deployment and Redeployment for Ulchi Focus Lens (UFL) 04, 900 Series Vehicle retrograde, and the USNS Watson Partial Discharge and Load back. The port of Gwangyang was used not once, but 4 times to validate our "proof of concept" for the theater. Though the coordination was 2 months in the making, the port authority and Gwangyang community provided us outstanding support to ensure mission success.

We welcomed a very senior and experienced port operator to the battalion - SGM McMillan! SGM McMillan is

helping in every area to include operations as much of the NCO and DAC leadership is preparing to deploy. Dr. Son and his team conducted a rail survey of the Chinhae line to identify restrictions and help improve force reception for the theater. SSG Jules won the SDDC NCO of the Year competition. Funding for the renovation of the Pier 8 bathrooms was secured with end of year money. And unfortunately, we had to say good-bye to Mr. Major Blake who PCS'd in early September.

1st Quarter appears to be fast faced as well and the following missions are on the radar screen: three shipments of M1A1 tanks to SWA; shipment of M800 series vehicle shipment to SWA; 23rd Chemical Battalion and Bids Platoon

Continued on page 8

Inside This Issue

Cdr's Corner	1
Gone Are the Lazy Days of Summer	2
SGM's Corner	3
837th Operations Section Going Strong	4
Ulchi Focus Lens 2004	6
Cargo Distribution Section	7
Joint Staff Integrated Vulnerability Assessment	8
WPS Support of Gwangyang & Chinhae	10
A DRMO Success Story	11
Recognizing Civilian Employees	12
Kargo Kings Host Several VIPs	13
Kargo Kings Organizational Day	15
KATUSA Perspective	17
Farewell to the Kargo Kings	18
Joining the Kargo Kings	19
Marks of Excellence	22



837th U.S.
Army
Transportation
Battalion
(Terminal)

“USFK’s
Power
Projection
Platform.”

837th U.S. Army Transportation Battalion
Unit #15179
APO AP 96259-0268

Commander
LTC Richard J. Kramer

Executive Officer
MAJ William T. Draper

Sergeant Major
SGM Clifford McMillan

Admin/Log (S1/4):
Mr. Eddy D. McLendon

Plans Officer (S2):
Mr. Fred A. Vandersys

Battalion Operations Officer (S3):
CPT Christopher R. Wolfe

Acting Chief, Cargo Distribution (CD):
Mr. Kelii Bright

Information Management Officer:
Mr. Kim, In-soo “James”

Editor:
Ms. Chu, Kyong-ae

Telephone List

- * Command Group: 763-7097
- * Administration/Logistics (S1/4): 763-7162
- * Plans (S2): 763-7187
- * Terminal Operations: (S3): 763-3816
- * Cargo Distribution: 763-7163
- * Information Management: 763-7195

Facsimiles:

	DSN	In-country Com'l	International Com'l
Cdr:	763-7104	(051) 801-7104	011-82-51-801-7104
Adm/Log:	763-7085	(051) 801-7085	011-82-51-801-7085
Tml Ops:	763-7847	(051) 801-7847	011-82-51-801-7847
Cargo Dist:	763-7175	(051) 801-7175	011-82-51-801-7175

Gone are the Lazy Days of Summer

MAJ Terry Draper
Battalion Executive Officer

Howdy folks! If anyone knows who stole the summer and the months of June, July and August, please let me know. I need to speak with that person. It seems as if the past three months have flown by! Then again, when you’re consumed with ship operations, VIP visits, JSIVA inspections, personnel PCSing and arriving and the UFL exercise, you don’t have time to whind your watch.

The battalion has done superbly managing everything that was on our “plate” during this past quarter. Many high visibility operations (2/2 BCT, LMSR Watson Download and III MEF Deployment/Redeployment) were just a few tasty, morsels on the menu this past quarter and they were executed and supported in a way that only the Kargo Kings can...to perfection!

We continue to adjust with the new personnel that came on board this summer, but we continue to function/execute better



MAJ Terry Draper taking a break on a M1 tank staged at Pier 8. Office hours are tough!

than a Swiss watch. I truly believe this is due to the fact that the many professionals in this battalion know how to adjust, train the newcomers and continue on with the mission. We are a profession of arms and professionals are able to adjust to an ever-changing situation. Change is good and change is sometimes bad, but it's a fact of life in our military culture. Our civilian work-force has adjusted well and I applaud their performance and efforts!

While I would like to say that we're going to slow down this next quarter, I simply can't. We are a growing business and business will be good for the Kargo Kings. A lot of moves are scheduled along with upcoming exercises. As we gain further clarity, we of course will share that information with everyone to ensure good coordination and support throughout the battalion.

Even though we are busy, the weather has cooled a bit which should allow us to get outside and enjoy the Korean culture and activities. We have already enjoyed an organizational day and a hail and farewell and I look forward to the many hikes and social trips that our Korean hosts in the battalion have scheduled.

Keep up the great work and I appreciate what everyone in this battalion does every single day! Our successes are attributed directly to your outstanding efforts.

The XO's thought for the quarter deals with **coordination**:

Coordination:

1. What do I know or don't know?
2. Who else needs to know or could help?
3. Can I contact them and can they help me?
4. Have I told or asked them? Do they know?

Coordination sounds simple, but it sure as heck is hard to execute sometimes!

SGM's Corner

SGM Clifford McMillan
Sergeant Major



Greetings Kargo King Family, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude in being selected to be a member of this great organization. This is an assignment that I sought and I am pleased that it became a reality. I'm coming from the US Army Garrison, Fort Eustis, where I was assigned as the Installation Training Branch NCOIC. I intend to use my background as a Terminal Operator to help improve what is already a great organization. I am married to the lovely Audrey B. McMillan and have two daughters Lakeza and Tierra.

The Battalion being busy in the last two months is an understatement. We currently have two of six NCOs deployed, SFC Sprague and SSG Jules. They are doing great things in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. SSG Bartell, SSG Bruce and SSG Jackson have all been TDY several times supporting vessel operations on the Korean peninsula. SFC

King has assisted in many of these operations while continuing to prepare for retirement. All of these NCOs performance has been outstanding. They are cross-training to do each other's job as well as their supervisors. Our KATUSA Soldiers have also been in the mix by tallying cargo, serving as ground guides and operating scanners on many of our missions.

SSG Jackson is scheduled to PCS 1 Nov 04. Good luck and Godspeed to this fine NCO. SSG Bruce and SSG Bartell are scheduled to deploy in the near future. I know they will do great things for the Group and Battalion. For future operations, I know our Korean Nationals will continue to pick up the slack and keep things going as they have done for years.

Unit First, People Always!

837th Operations Section Going Strong!!

CPT Christopher R. Wolfe
Operations Officer

The operations section has been very busy over the last quarter with missions here at Pier 8, Chinhae and Gwangyang. The 2ID 2BCT took a tremendous amount of effort from the entire battalion. We loaded over 1500 pieces of equipment in eight days on the Cape Hudson and Cape Horn. Using Pier 6 at Jasungdae for the first time, we were able to load two ships simultaneously avoiding deployment delays. Having the flexibility to perform these operations shows the great capability of our NCOs, KNs and KATUSA work force in the battalion. Our section ran 24-hour operations to ensure we could clear the port of all equipment to meet the required delivery date in Southwest Asia (SWA). Also in support of the 2BCT deployment, we loaded over 80

containers of ammunition at the Chinhae ammunition pier onto the Cape Inscription.

For a first in the Korean theater, the battalion used an alternate port in August and September in support of the III MEF deployment/redeployment for Ulchi Focus Lens '04. (The port of Gwangyang, which is located two hours to the west of Busan.) This port has tremendous staging, berthing and transportation infrastructure to support all theater operations. The proof of concept for this operation

III MEF Cargo (UFL '04) staged at Gwangyang



showed that Gwangyang is a vital line of communication node for USFK and all of its deployment/redeployment operations. More missions continued in Gwangyang as we received the PREPO ship USNS Watson to transload 137 800-series trucks going to SWA. Having to off-load approximately 500 pieces of equipment to get to the 137 trucks took a tremendous effort from our KNs, KATUSAs and NCOs.



III MEF rail redeployment at Gwangyang (UFL '04)

A month later, the Cape Horn came back to Pier 8 to pick up 68 M1A1 tanks sent down from the 2d Infantry Division going to SWA. The Cape Horn completed its upload operations in Busan and then proceeded to Gwangyang to load the 137 5-tons and 10 pieces of other equipment destined for SWA. All of these missions were completed with great success, safety and professionalism.

Kargo King personnel continue to make their presence known throughout the Group by deploying back to SWA. SFC Sprague and SSG Jules deployed to support 599th Trans Group in Kuwait. We have several more battalion personnel slated to go to SWA in support of the 599th Group in the coming months.

We continue to support any and all operations that come our way and with the DACs, NCOs, KATUSAs and KNs executing the mission, there's nothing this battalion can't do!

KARGO KINGS!

Battalion OPTEMPO

Dates	Vessel	Port	Import	Export	Commodity	Remarks
10-24 Jul	Cape Farewell	Chinhae	248	777	Ammunition	Turbo CADS 04
19-20 Jul	Cape Hudson	Pier 8	0	668	Unit Equip	2/2ID BCT
20-21 Jul	Cape Hudson	Jaesongdae	0	668	Unit Equip	2/2ID BCT
21-24 Jul	Cap Horn	Pier 8	0	770 est	Unit Equip	2/2ID BCT
26-28 Jul	Cape Inscription	Chinhae	0	92	Ammunition	MARFOR & 2/2ID BCT
2-Aug	Hual Triton (Toho)	Gwangyang	723	TBD	Unit Equip	UFL 04/MARFOR
4-Aug	Green Point	Pier 8	44	0	Gennoes	23 M1A2/5 K-loaders
16-17 Aug	Virginia	Pier 8	0	264	APS3/Genno	900 Series/Misc
7-9 Sep	Green Point	Pier 8	35	0	Gennoes	3 K-loaders/Gennoes
9-12 Sep	USNS Watson	Gwangyang	500	0	APS3	Transshipment
12-30 Sep	Cape Farewell	Chinhae	0	840	Ammunition	Retrograde
13-16 Sep	USNS Watson	Gwangyang	0	400	APS3	Transshipment
17-18 Sep	Grande Napoli	Gwangyang	0	723	Unit Equip	UFL 04/MARFOR
30-Sep	Cape Horn	Pier 8	0	76	APS 5 Equip	M1 tanks
4-Oct	Cape Horn	Gwangyang	0	147	APS 5 Equip	M35/M800/AVIM



Ulchi Focus Lens 2004

Mr. Mark Rice
599th Trans Gp Forward Planner

Once again, members from the ROK military and US forces from around the world gathered in Busan to conduct realistic, simulated seaport operations. Once again, the hospitality of the 837th Trans Bn shined through in the support of this annual exercise by providing coordination and standing up the Combined Seaport Coordination Center (CSCC) for use during Ulchi Focus Lens (UFL) 04.

UFL is an annual command post exercise designed to execute, evaluate and improve combined and joint coordination, procedures, plans and systems necessary for the handling of contingency operations by the Combined Forces Command (CFC) on the Korean peninsula.

UFL gives military and civilian personnel an opportunity to conduct realistic, wartime mission planning and execution. "There is no better training location for theater seaport operations than the CSCC located here at Pier 8", said LTC Richard Kramer, 837th Transportation Battalion Commander. The

wartime mission of the CSCC is to coordinate combined seaport and sealift operations and to advise the Combined Transportation Movement Center (CTMC) on issues relating to sealift and discharge ports. The CSCC's objectives are to maximize throughput of strategic sealift and other cargo to destinations throughout the Korean Peninsula using all available logistical assets.

In order to function as realistically as possible, the CSCC must be staffed 24 hours a day by representatives of the same organizations that would staff the CSCC during contingency operations. The scope of duties carried out by the CSCC makes for a very unique and diversified group of individuals working together for mission accomplishment.

This year's CSCC augmentation included representatives from: the Military Sealift Command (MSC), Naval Control and Protection of Shipping (NCAPS), Harbor Defense Command, US Navy, USCG, 25th US Army Trans Bn, US Air Force WPLO, 599th US Army Transportation Group and the Republic of Korea Port Operations Group (ROK POG). The combination of these active duty, Reservists and US Army Civilian employees symbolizes the complex requirements of operating in a joint/combined environment.

All participants left the CSCC, Pier 8 and the Korean Theater of Operations more knowledgeable and experienced in seaport operations and gained a realization of the vital role the CSCC plays in the overall success of the CFC wartime mission.



*UFL CSCC
Co-Chairmen,
COL Landon and
COL KIM of the
ROK POG with
his staff.*

Cargo Distribution Section

Mr. Kelii Bright - Acting Chief, CDS

Headlining the Cargo Distribution Section's stories was a tearful farewell to its Chief, Major Blake. Mr. Blake's vast expertise and experience as a veteran transporter led to many storied accomplishments which include the development of an automated process to streamline certifying stevedoring invoices, reorganizing the Traffic Management Division to align it with the command's new Distribution Management focus, and recognition and as the 599th Transportation Group's Employee of the 3rd Quarter. His knowledge, dedication, and professionalism will certainly be missed not only in the battalion but throughout the theater. Rest assured, wherever he may end up, his presence will certainly be an invaluable asset. The Kargo Kings Family wish him all the best in the next chapter of his story.

The fourth quarter saw the successful incorporation of the Port of

Gwangyang as another USFK operational node. For years, G4 Trans, SDDC TEA, and other staff agencies have included the port as a strategic asset, but its DoD capabilities had yet to be tested. Initial results have been phenomenal! 837th successfully conducted port operations for the III MEF UFL Deployment and Redeployment, as well as the successful berthing and download of the LMSR USNS Watson. The port's deep draft, infrastructure, wide-open staging areas, geographic locale, and customer-friendly staff will certainly make this a viable asset for future surge and sustainment operations.

USNS Watson and III MEF equipment at the Port of Gwangyang during Sep 04 port operations.



Thanks to all the Cargo Distribution Staff who once again made this quarter a success! Your quiet and oftentimes overlooked presence is a tribute to the seamlessness and skill of your craft. "Nothing happens until something moves," and nothing gets moved until it's properly documented. Happy New (Fiscal) Year! ROK on Kargo Kings!

Commander's Corner

(Continued from page 1)

Deployment from Korea to Fort Lewis, Washington; the 35th ADA Bde deployment to Korea, and a pending ammunition transfer out of Korea. To make it even more challenging and interesting, the NCOs, interns and a few of the DACs will be deployed to Kuwait during some of these operations. Ms. Chu stands ready to scan cargo if required and states she is ready to deploy accordingly. That's the spirit of the Kargo Kings!

Bring it on!



LTC Kramer receives a Certificate of Honorary Gwangyang Citizenship from the mayor of the Gwangyang City for coordinating community support for the 4 vessel operations.

Joint Staff Integrated Vulnerability Assessment (JSIVA) 13-17 September

Mr. Fred Vandersys
Unit AT/FP Security Officer

No major problems were identified against the 837th Transportation Battalion, according to the anti-terrorism team that visited both Camp Hialeah and Pier 8 in Sep 04. Pier 8 and Pusan Storage Facility are two base clusters that fall underneath the responsibility of the Camp Hialeah "base" for all force protection and physical security issues.

The after action review, conducted by COL Murphy, the JSIVA team director, showed there was some fine-tuning in order, but nothing of critical importance to the battalion and its area at Pier 8. COL Murphy leads one of six Joint Staff Integrated Vulnerability Assessment teams operating under the direction of the U.S. De-

fense Threat Reduction Agency in Washington, D.C.

The teams travel around the world to about 600 U.S. installations to check security plans. JSIVA is able to cover about 100 bases a year.

The things they know that need working on are usually a small part of the overall picture. It's like tightening up what's already being implemented. They don't just come to a base like Camp Hialeah and Pier 8 and identify what has already been identified.

Along with the installation's security plans, the team studied several key areas including:

- An installation's barriers and fences.

- How well the installation receives and disseminates information on possible and actual threats.
- The quality of the relationships between the installation and its host nation community.
- Procedures used as installations move into various threat levels.

In addition, the team encourages commanders to implement base education programs to “continuously heighten the awareness of the installation population to potential threats.”

Normally, JSIVA visits are not based on notions that one installation faces more risk than another. But if such a risk is perceived, they can redirect a team to visit a particular facility if requested.

We must remember that an assessment is part of a process; not an inspection.

Because of detailed and thorough planning on behalf of the 837th staff, the battalion was well prepared for the assessment team’s visit to Pier 8. The JSIVA team received the command brief highlighting: Area Orientation, Pier 8 Specifics, Tenants /Missions, Gwangyang Future Operations and Force Protection issues. Following the brief, the team began their assessment by reviewing unit SOPs, AT/FP procedures, Physical Security Plans and a visual walk of the pier perimeter.

Mr. Vandersys and MAJ Draper attended the out-brief conducted on 17 September at Camp Hialeah. COL Murphy briefly covered Assessments, AT Program and Plan, AT Physical Security Measures, Training and Exercises, Incident Response & Consequence Management, Sample Targets and a Summary.

A written report will be received within 30-45 days.



The battalion’s security guards Mr. Yi, Cholsuk and Mr. Yi, Yong-su performing a vehicle search before allowing access to Pier 8.

WPS Support of Gwangyang and Chinhae Operations by IMO Staff



Mr. Yi, Chong-won
Computer Specialist

This quarter seemed to pass by quickly; maybe because it was such a busy quarter. The IMO Staff installed the Network Appliance Storage Hardware with a 170 GB drive and the Windows 2000 Exchange server. Now there is a plenty of disk storage space on the network drive to save user's information data files or user's personal mail folders (.pst files). All user's mail boxes have been migrated to the new Window 2000 Exchange server from the NT Exchange server. From 6 – 22 Sep 04, the IMO staff supported vessel operations at Gwangyang and Chinhae simultaneously. It was a challenging task since the IMO staff had a manpower shortage with both the IMO Chief and WPS positions still vacant and Mr. Pak attending computer training in Daegu. On top of the manpower shortage, power outages in Busan shut down our WPS server which required late night repairs to allow our soldiers and civilians in the field to be able to download scanners filled with data and to be able to send the information to GTN.



On 6 Sep, we setup one Python WPS carryaway system with three workstations and one HP WPS carryaway system for backup and tested all the related pieces of equipment. (Mannsmann Tally printer, laser printer, symbol scanners and label printers) This was conducted in preparation for receiving 720 ammo containers from theater ammo depots for retrograde using the vessel Cape Farewell at the Chinhae ROK ammo pier.

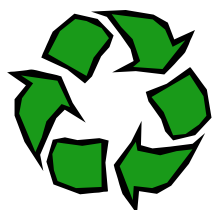
On 7 Sep, we deployed to Gwangyang to support two vessel operations which included the USNS Watson download of 137 five-ton vehicles and the Grande Napoli which was supporting III MEF redeployment operations. We setup the Python WPS carryaway system with 3 notebook workstations in the 2nd floor of the Korean Express Company's building, and the HP WPS carryaway system, the INMARSAT, the Early Entry Deployment Support Kit (EEDSK), the ICODES machine, Symbol scanners and MSL label printers were set up and tested in the DPOC. On the first day, we had to utilize cellular phones with a notebook PC and the INMARSAT to access the network to get mail from our Exchange server and transmit data files between the WPS terminal system in Busan and the WPS carryaway system in Gwangyang because of no DSN and commercial phone lines within the pier area. On day two, the Gwangyang Bay Area Free Economic Zone Authority installed one commercial phone line and one internet circuit in the building to

Mr. Yi and Mr. Pak install the Network Appliance Storage Hardware with a 170 GB drive and the Windows 2000 Exchange server.

support all our automation requirements. I would like to thank Mr. Baek, Ok-In, Commissioner of the Gwangyang Bay Area Free Economic Zone Authority and his staff for all the great support.

We had to create 530 content cargo records for 41 containers because we did not receive the manifest data from the POE for the nested cargo from the trucks discharged from the USNS Watson. We scanned 980 labels of the cargo on the vessel to provide a current stow of equipment onboard.

It was a fast-paced quarter with the battalion IMO staff supporting not only the deploying DSTs, but daily support requirements at the battalion. We remain ready to support each and everyday and we look forward to all future missions within the Korean theater!



A DRMO Success Story: Two ECUs for the Price of

837th Supply Section Continues to Pull the Load

Mr. Kim, Chang-tong
Supply Specialist

For close to two years, the battalion's environmental control unit (ECU) had been broken. Battling through a hot, Korean summer, we asked the air conditioner shop in DPW of 20th Support Group for assistance in fixing our system. The shop stated that it was impossible to repair because the equipment was so outdated that there were no available spare parts in the system which could be used to fix the broken ECU.

Through steadfast research and observation, the supply section noticed there was an ECU that was turned in to the local DRMO shop in Busan. Other than a missing compressor, the ECU was in great condition and was available to the battalion. Through smart shopping and price comparisons, the supply section bought a com-

pressor from a local vendor that fit into our FREE DRMO ECU issue! Instead of fixing the broken ECU currently on hand in the battalion, it was cheaper to fix the ECU obtained from DRMO. Two weeks later, the supply section noticed another ECU available free of charge at DRMO. Seizing on the opportunity, the supply section conducted the same actions and within a four week period, we now have two fully mission capable ECUs to support our DPOC operations. Instead of a \$7,500 bill to fix one ECU, it cost less than \$2500 to obtain two fully functioning ECUs!

DRMO is a great source to obtain free-issue items that support the needs of our battalion. From toilet paper to camouflage screens, DRMO is a great source for serviceable items that save the battalion money and lessens order and delivery times

From 1-5 November, PVT Hong, the new KATUSA in the supply section, will go to Camp Humphrey to attend the ULLS-S4 (Unit Level Logistics System



Mr. Kim and one of the two ECUs providing cool air to the DPOC.

S4) course. The purpose of the course is to provide hands-on experience in areas related to supply procedures that are required in the battalion. Upon successful completion of the training, PVT Hong will be able to lend outstanding support to the battalion through his knowledge of ULLS-S4 and part of the Army Supply System.

“If You Need It, We’ve Got It or We’ll Get It!”

Recognizing Civilian Employees

By Mr. Eddy D. McLendon

Admin Officer

How do you recognize the accomplishments of your civilian employees? Does your organization conduct recognition ceremonies? How often are employees recognized below the commander’s level? Most often supervisors associate employee recognition with quarterly awards, performance awards at the end of the performance appraisal period, or PCS awards. However, rewarding your employees for a “job well done” should be on going throughout the year.



Mr. Yun, Chang-hwan receives a Certificate of Appreciation from LTC Kramer.



Ms. Kim, Mi-suk accepts the Employee of the 3rd Quarter Award from LTC Kramer.

A visible recognition program promotes high morale within an organization. It also creates a culture of excellence, promotes individual and team achievement, achieves goals, and promotes efficiency and effectiveness.

Some other suggested forms of recognition that supervisors can use are:

- Certificate of Achievement: May be given for personal diligence or initiative in completing a particular task or project.

- Certificate of Appreciation: May be given to recognize accomplishments when a monetary or high-level award is not appropriate.

- On-the-Spot Cash Award: May be given to an individual or a team for day to day accomplishments that is exceptional over a short period of time deserving of recognition.

- Time Off Award: May be granted in amounts up to 40 hours for a single contribution. This is a great incentive award that can be used by organizations with a limited awards budget.

Supervisors and commanders are encouraged to recognize their unit members for specific instances of above-standard performance or work achievements. Recognition should always be timely and presented with decorum and ceremony.

Kargo Kings Host Several VIPs

MAJ Terry Draper

Executive Officer

You would have thought we were giving something away at Pier 8 this quarter with all the visitors we had stopping by for a tour. We enjoyed each and every person who made time to stop by Pier 8 and as always, we view each visit as an opportunity to educate them on our mission, our role in supporting the theater and the transportation process as a whole. Anything short of that and we feel like we haven't done our job.

We look forward to all the future visits and we'll continue our education (some call it brainwashing) process of those who visit the land of the KARGO KINGS!

VIPs/ Visitors to Pier 8:

July 04:

Mr. Ric Ngiraingas – 599th Group Property Book Officer (Staff Assistance Visit)

COL Betty Washington – 501st CSG Commander

LTC Mark McCormick – 25th Transportation Battalion Commander

Mr. Lars Magnusson – APL Military and Government Sales Director, Washington D.C.

Mr. Rim and Mr. Lee – Korean APL Representatives

BG Anderson – 2nd Infantry Division Deputy Commanding General, Support

COL McKinley – 19th TSC Deputy Commander

COL George Washington – 20th ASG Commander (first visit to Pier 8 as new CDR)

MG Edmunds – 19th TSC Commanding General

GEN LaPorte – USFK/CFC/UNC Commanding General

BG McHale – USFK J4

MG Wood – 2nd Infantry Division Commanding General

COL Lacina – EUSA G4-Trans Division Chief

Mr. Ledebuhr and Mr. Twitero – DPMO, Ops and Training Division, Ft. Eustis, VA

CSM Welch – USFK and EUSA Command Sergeant Major
Mr. Baek, Ok-In – Commissioner for the Gwangyang Bay Area Free Economic Zone



LTC Kramer hosting GEN Leon LaPorte, USFK/CFC/UNC Commanding General.

August 04:

Mr. Chambers – Central Gulf Lines Vice President of Operations
COL Hendricks – Area IV KORO Commander (first visit to Pier 8 as new CDR)
COL Heard – 8th MP Brigade Commander (first visit to Pier 8 as new commander)
COL Washington and Staff – 20th ASG Commander
BG Whitehead – CTMC Commander and DCG, 143 TRANSCOM
MG Rosenfeld – Reserve USFK Deputy J4
BG Blunt – Reserve J4 Operations
CAPT Seifert – Military Sealift Command Chief of Staff, Washington D.C.
CAPT McCully – Military Sealift Command PACOM Liaison Officer
LtGen Hughey – USTRANSCOM Deputy Commanding General
RADM Purcell – USTRANSCOM J5
COL Foy – EUSA G3-Training Chief

LtGen Hughey and RADM Purcell on the rooftop arranged to observe the Busan Port.



September 04:

Mr. Schnorbus – US Embassy RSO
Mr. Kim – Attache for US Homeland Defense
Mr. Joe Greene – 599th Group Force Protection Officer
JSIVA Team Staff Assistance Visit



Kargo Kings Organizational

MAJ Terry Draper

Executive Officer

The weather was perfect, the food was good and the company was great! The 837th Transportation Battalion held their first organizational day under LTC Kramer's command on 20 August 04. The morning started off with a "fun run" with the military personnel of the battalion. A quick four miles around the post to get our blood pumping and we were ready for the day's activities.



LTC Kramer leading a "fun run" to start organizational day.



U.S. and KATUSA soldiers after "fun run".



The Pusan Pub prepares to serve the organizational day food.

The party started around 1000 hours at the Camp Hialeah Community Activities Center. We appreciated the great support that was given to us by the Camp Hialeah CAC staff and installation leadership. The Busan Pub catered the food and we would like to thank Mr. Pak from ISC and Mr. Yi from Chinhae for providing their support in making the function a success. SSG Bartell led the charge planning all of the day's festivities and without his leadership and efforts, the day wouldn't have been a success. Our KATUSAs also provided support for the

day's activities and we appreciate their contributions as well. Job well done SSG Bartell. NCOs lead the way!

The days activities consisted not only of enjoying good food and camaraderie, but involved events such as bingo (Ms. Chu must have won at least 10 times and she was bragging about all her winnings), basketball, pool, watching the Olympics (a lot of talk from some of the older guys that they use to have the skills to compete in the Olympics but this, that or the other precluded them from doing so...), foot volleyball, darts and the highly contested ping pong tournament. The ping pong tournament was high ad-

venture from start to finish. There is a lot of ping pong talent in the battalion and every-day during lunch at Pier 8, you can see it displayed downstairs in the warehouse as the “professionals” play for daily bragging rights.



Bingo game; SSG Bartell calling out the numbers for the Bingo game.



Dart game



KATUSA soldiers playing a chess game.



Table tennis



Billiards



Korean “Ba-dook”



Foot volleyball



Resting after the hard basketball and foot volleyball games.

A raffle was conducted at the end of the day and many nice gifts were presented to the lucky winners. The day was capped off with a group photo to remember this festive event. We look forward to many more social gatherings in the future.

KARGO KINGS!!



All the Kargo Kings get together for a group photo.

KATUSA PERSPECTIVE—JINHAE OPS

By SGT Jang, Hyung-joon

Senior KATUSA

Jinhae is a very important port for the Korean Navy. It serves as both a naval base and training academy. Jinhae is also famous for its cherry blossoms. There were already KATUSAs working the mission at the Port of Gwangyang so some of us KATUSAs had to go work at Jinhae to load ammunition containers.

We rode everyday with Mr. Kim from ISC and daily made the 70 minute drive up to the port. We worked at the ammunition pier at the ROK Army base used for loading ammunition ships.

We were amazed at the enormous ship tied up to the pier! It was the Cape Farewell which was going to carry the ammunition off the Korean peninsula. The plan was to use both the ship's crane and the pier-side gantry crane at the ammunition pier.

Our job was to check containers when they arrived at the pier from the ammunition depots by train and record the stow location after they were loaded onboard the ship.

The first day we loaded 50 containers and it was a very slow operation. The operation was a bit boring due to the fact that it was one crane loading one container at a time.

Once we started using the gantry crane, operations picked up and we loaded 130 containers the following day. That pace went on for several more days until the mission was complete.

We gained a lot of experience through

supporting this mission. I now understand how ammunition containers are stowed onto a ship as well as having a good idea on reception and overall port operations. I was able to speak to a lot of people on this operation to include personnel from the ship's crew. We talked about a lot of things and I gained a lot of experience through our conversations.

SSG Bartell was the supervisor for this mission. We were able to talk to him about a lot of issues. The KATUSAs respect SSG Bartell and he knows how we think, how we live and what we say. He also loves to learn Korean words.

We look forward to future missions in the 837th Transportation Battalion and enjoy being able to support the battalion anyway we can. KATUSAs can also play an important role in the successful completion of all battalion operations.

KARGO KING KATUSAs!!



SGT Jang, Hyung-joon (left), Senior KATUSA soldier, congratulates PFC Sohn, Il-wuong on his promotion to Corporal.

Farewell to the Kargo Kings

Mr. Major J. Blake
Chief, Cargo Distribution Section

It was a great two years serving as Chief of the Cargo Distribution Section of the 837th Transportation Battalion!

I came to Korea in September 2002 expecting to have a relatively run-of-the-mill two year assignment with the normal exercise movement and cargo operations. Needless to say the last two years were anything but routine. From the first redeployment of the Marine Corps and Special Forces in 2003 when a RORO vessel could not be found and everything had to be shipped via flat racks, to the shipment of 523 five ton trucks and the initial booking of M1A1s in 2004, the pace never slowed. There were many challenges and many obstacles to overcome but the relentless teamwork of the Kargo Kings and our industry partners, American President Lines, Maersk/Sealand, Central Gulf Lines and International Stevedoring Company ensured every mission was successful. Our Korean employees are the best in the world! Dedicated, hardworking and the backbone of the battalion! They deserve to be commended for the numerous missions accomplished during the past two years, especially the de-

ployment of the 2nd Brigade of the 2nd Infantry Division. This was a monumental task accomplished with an extremely small staff working 24 hours a day at several staging and pier locations. Our NCOs and Korean Soldiers assigned to the battalion did a great job as did the dedicated stevedores from ISC.

I departed on 17 September at 0500 hours with bitter-sweet feelings. I had hoped to stay another year but circumstances beyond my control did not permit that. While I'm happy to be in Virginia again, I'm not happy to have left a job I truly enjoyed and loved doing.

My sincere thanks to the Commanders, LTC Jim Brundage (2002-2004) and LTC Rich Kramer (2004-), for their support and the recognition provided upon my departure. The awards, Commanders Award for Civilian Service, Korean Civilian Service Medal and the Ancient Order of Saint Christopher, were appreciated but the memories of the past two years from the labor disruptions and typhoons, to supporting the hot dog and hamburger stand and the Hail and Farewells will always be with me and remind me of the last overseas assignment of my career serving with the Kargo Kings. It was great!

Special thanks to Mr. Gordon Lowe, Don Dellinger and Sam Sherwood, 599th Transportation Group for their support and assistance with export booking and universal service contract issues. To the Cargo Distribution Section staff you did a great job! Thanks to the Ops, IM and Admin staff for the outstanding dedication and support! Keep up the hard work!! I miss you already!!!

Mr. Blake is being presented a frame that is embroidered with the Kargo Kings logo as his farewell gift from the unit.



Joining the Kargo Kings

Mr. Insoo "James" Kim
Information Management

Hello~ my name is Insoo "James" Kim and I am glad to be joining the Kargo Kings here in Busan. I am married and my wife, Mi Young accompanied me to Korea. My son and daughter are attending college in the States.

This is my second time in Korea. I previously served in the Area I Information Center, Camp Red Cloud. My previous assignment was as a IT specialist, US Army Corps of Engineers located in Mobile, Alabama.

I graduated from Seoul National University and have a BS degree in Electronics Engineering and immigrated to the United States right after finishing my mandatory three years of ROKA service. In early 1980, I was fascinated by IBM XT pc and decided to study. I double majored in Computer Science and Mathematics and



A family photo taken at the Korean Baptist Church in Mobile, Alabama. (from right) Mr. Kim, his mother-in-law and his wife Mi Young.

obtained a BS degree again from UCLA.

I have been part of the federal system since 1985. I always thank America for providing many opportunities. As a result, I am honored to be a member of the "Kargo Kings" where we have a full organization of professionals in Transportation management to work with. Thank you.

CPL Jo, Min-yun
NBC Room



First of all, I am very glad to be here. I am new here though I am a corporal. I had spent about 17 months as a chemical soldier in 267th Chemical Company at Camp Carroll. Suddenly, Chemical Units in Republic of Korea are being inactivated so I moved to the 837th Transportation Battalion.

Actually I was born in Busan that is a very beautiful city to live. Camp Hialeah is also cozy and nice. I was a little nervous because I had to settle down as a new senior person among KATUSAs I've never met before.

Now I realize I was wrong. Every member of the 837th Trans Bn is so nice and kind. I have 5 months left on my military service, which means I'll make sergeant soon. I will take care of my soldiers and respect my seniors. I fully understand my responsibility. Now I'm ready to sacrifice myself for my great country and my fantastic unit Kargo Kings.

PFC Hwang, In-tae
Training



Greetings! I am PFC Hwang from Training. I'm very happy to be a member of the Kargo Kings. When I first received my position, it made me crazy, because Busan is at the south tip of Korea and Seoul is to the north.

At first, I had many problems. I had such a hard time. In August CPL Lee went to PLDC, so I had a lot of work to do alone. There was no rest time.

I've finished my 3rd year at my university. My major is Sculpture. I love to go to museums and galleries. I also love to play soccer and computer games. I appreciate two sculptors: Michelangelo and Bernini. They are Italian and represent Renaissance and Baroque Art. I love their marble

statues. I hope to study Florence in Italy.

Finally, thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with the 837th Transportation Battalion.

PFC Jo, Hyung-rae
CMD & SPT



Hello. I am very happy to meet you. I am Jo, Hyung-rae. I am a KATUSA in 837th Trans BN. I work in the CMD section. I was born in Daegu, in 1982. I entered Seoul National University. I left my home and my family for Seoul.

I have a good friend. His name is Lee, Kyung-moo. Now He is a soldier working for the police force in Pusan. He is working so hard, and I'm proud of him.

I want to travel to many foreign countries, and also want to see many movies. I thank my parents and my grandmother. I am here because of them. I love them.

And I thank all of you working for Kargo Kings. I believe that I am living peacefully due to your effort to defend my country. Thank you.

PVT Hong, Jin-jae
Supply



How do you do? I am PVT Hong, Jin-jae, a new KATUSA of the 837th Transportation Battalion. I work in the Supply Section. I'm very glad to work with all personnel of the Battalion. Let me tell you something about myself. I was born in Busan and grew up in the area until graduating high school, thus I feel comfortable by working in Camp Hialeah. I studied Electrical Engineering in SNU. I finished my 3rd year before starting my military service.

As you know, Korean male persons have to serve in the military. I selected KATUSA for serving the military, because I want to experience the customs of several – mainly it would be western – countries. Luckily, I could join KATUSA, and it is luck, too, that I could meet great people such as you.

Now I'm worrying about my English skills. I often misunderstand the U.S. NCO's and Officer's. As a PVT, it could be tolerable, but when I become a senior and have more responsibilities for more situations, low English skills may become a problem. My first goal at this time is improving my English skills. I'd be glad if you understand my endeavor, though I'm not good at English now.

PVT IM, Woo-je
CDS



Hello everyone. Nice to meet you. I'm PVT Im. I'm from Seoul Gwangjin-gu. I work in CDS. As a baby KATUSA in 837th Trans Bn, I have (and I do) have the responsibility to maintain and support barracks life. For example, I carry large water bottles, clean the dayroom, hallway and so on.

Before I joined the Army, I was a student of SNU. My major is Material Engineering and Science. I finished 2 years. I was a member of the Catholic youth choir for about 8 months at the Am Myungil-dong Catholic church.

When I was in KTA (KATUSA Training Academy), I worried about my unit, because I have never been to Busan before in my life. I heard that usually ROKA soldier smoke their soldiers. When I came here and met my senior soldiers, I realized that if I follow our unit rules and manners, they are generous and kind. I made many mistakes and I still make mistakes sometimes, but I'm a motivated person. I'm going to do my job very well.

Marks of Excellence

MSM

MAJ James M. Nixon, Outgoing Executive Officer
SGM Jeffrey E. Skinner, Outgoing SGM, CMD & SPT

ARCOM

MAJ(P) James E. Miller, Deployment Support Team
SGM Jeffrey E. Skinner, Outgoing SGM, CMD & SPT
SSG Park, Jin-man, Senior KATUSA, CMD & SPT
SGT Jo, Hyun-chul, NBC Clerk, Terminal Ops

AAM

SGT Jo, Kyoo-hyun, Admin Clerk, CMD & SPT

The Honorable Order of Saint Christopher

Mr. Major Blake, Chief, CDS

Commander's Award for Civilian Service

Mr. Major Blake, Chief, CDS

837th Trans Bn's Senior System Employee of the 4th Qtr, FY 04

Mr. Pak, Yong-su, Trans Specialist, CDS

837th Trans Bn's Base System Employee of the 4th Qtr, FY 04

Mr. Yi, Ku-hyong, Trans Ass't, CDS

Sustained Superior Performance Award

Mr. Yi, Ku-hyong, Trans Ass't, CDS
Mr. Kim, Chun-sang, Supply Technician, Terminal Ops
Ms. Kim, Yong-son, Marine Cargo Ass't, Terminal Ops

Outstanding Performance Award

Mr. Major Blake, Chief, CDS

Certificate of Appreciation

Mr. Yun, Chang-hwan, Tml Ops Ass't, Terminal Ops

On-the-Spot Cash Award

Mr. Cha, Hyong-yong, Mat Handler, Korean Service Corps
Mr. Chong, To-yong, Painter, Korean Service Corps
Mr. Kang, Kyong-tae, Mat Handler, Korean Service Corps
Mr. Kim, Tong-yong, Sing Paint Jr., Korean Service Corps
Mr. Pak, Sang-mun, Lab Heavy, Korean Service Corps
Mr. Yang, Pyong-ki, Lab Heavy Foreman, Korean Service Corps
Mr. Yu, Song-chun, Mat Handler, Korean Service Corps

"A man of words and not of deeds is like a garden full of weeds."

- Anonymous -